

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5 and 7-21 were examined and reported in the Office Action. Claims 2, 11 and 14 are rejected. Claims 1, 5, 9, 10 and 12 are allowed. Claims 9, 11 and 14 are no longer withdrawn as the restriction requirement is withdrawn. Claims 13 and 21 are canceled. Claims 2, 5, 7, 11 and 14 are amended. Claims 1-3, 5 and 7-20 remain.

Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.

I. In the Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR §1.83(a) as the drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicant has amended claim 5 to overcome the 37 CFR §1.83(a) objection of the drawings. Approval is respectfully requested.

II. Claim Objections

It is asserted in the Office Action that claims 7 and 8 are objected to for being dependent upon a canceled claim. Claim 21 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicant has amended claim 7 to overcome the 37 CFR 1.75(c) objection.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the 37 CFR 1.75(c) objection for claims 7-8 is respectfully requested.

III. 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

It is asserted in the Office Action that claims 2, 11 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Applicant has amended claims 2, 11 and 14 to overcome the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejections.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph rejections for claims 2, 11 and 14 are respectfully requested.

IV. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's assertion that claim 1 is allowable.

Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 2, 5, 7-12 and 14 are also allowable as being dependent on an allowed claim and in view of the amendments to claims 2, 5, 7, 11 and 14.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 1-3, 5 and 7-20 patentably define the subject invention over the cited references of record, and are in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would be useful in moving the case forward, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (310) 207-3800.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2666 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17, particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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